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Intelligence Coverage on Southern Rumania and Bulgaria

1. The type of economic intelligence information evaluated from the area under consideration is that pertaining to the field of agriculture.

2. The intelligence coverage of this area has been inadequate. Although the US does have a legation in Bucharest, the travel restrictions and the lack of an agricultural officer seriously limits the amount of agricultural information. Bulgaria, with no US Legation, is even more of a vacuum for positive intelligence information. [REDACTED]

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3. The quality of the information received from Rumania is fair and that from Bulgaria poor.

4. There is normally a time lag of 2-3 months on information from Bulgaria, except for monitored broadcasts, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Information from Rumania lags the normal amount of time as telegrams or despatches received from other US Embassies.

5. The information received from the area ranges from unreliable to fairly reliable since the bulk of the information is taken from the newspapers.

6. Refugees and defectors offer a source which if properly exploited could supply additional intelligence information on agriculture. Although peripheral reporting is functioning, the lack of agricultural and/or economic trained personnel has decreased the value of their reporting.

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